

Addiction Action Committee (AAC)

Meeting Minutes

November 20, 2017

4:00pm-6:00pm EST

DPH Offices – Edgehill

Shopping Center

I. Welcome and Introductions

- Future meetings

II. By-Laws

- Committee members reviewed Addiction Action Committee By-laws
- Suggested Revisions
 - Reporting requirement to “at least annually”
 - Clarification that removal for non-attendance applies to members appointed by the governor, not those serving by virtue of their position
 - Change to simple majority of members to establish quorum.
 - Removed language that sub-committee appointments be “reflective of the discipline”, as this was considered a potential barrier to some interested members serving.
 - Added language clarifying the Committee and Chair’s statutory ability to bring additional people into the conversations.
 - Typographical and grammatical corrections throughout.
 - Dr. Michael Dejos question if it is optional to have someone represent a formal committee member? (will have to check for voting purposes)
 - Add subcommittee membership into by-laws
 - David Mangler suggested -Under meeting section – add reference and code that meetings will be published to public meeting calendar and that we have a translator
- 4:54pm: motion to approve bylaws David Mangler, second Dr. John Goodill, no opposed

III. Subject Matter Workgroups

Senator Hansen has provided interns to help support workgroups – results from research will be reviewed by AAC subcommittees.

Each subcommittee will want to ensure they query the appropriate matrix of its focus.

- Pain Management
Attorney General Matt Denn has been appointed chair of this sub-committee.
- Safe Prescribing
Dr. John Goodill has been appointed chair of this sub-committee. A main focus being on opioids and co-prescribing. Terry Horton suggested adding benzodiazepines to the agenda. Terry Horton also mentioned the need for a mechanism to notify providers that patient has ended up in ICU/ED due to overdose. An invite will be sent out for the first meeting held on Monday 12/4, 4-6pm at Christiana Hospital Campus.

- **Public Education**
A Chair has not been identified for this sub-committee though it is expected to start meeting January 2017.
- **Access to Treatment**
Elizabeth Romaro (sp) has been appointed Chair and Terry Horton Co-Chair of this sub-committee. Matt Denn suggested budget proposals for expanding treatment options should be submitted to the General Assembly prior to January 2018 to avoid delays. Dr. Karyl Rattay mention that a proposal has been presented requesting funding for naloxone for first responders as well as funding to address treatment. A concern aroused concerning where do substance users go for long term treatment?
- **Criminal Justice**
Secretary Rob Coupe has been appointed chair of this sub-committee and is looking to launch in January 2018.

Comment from Dr. Virani – Which subcommittee will focus on non-prescription opioid abuse? This issue will bring more than one sub-committee together, should there be a special group specific to this? Dr. Rattay response– start with it under consideration under the prospective groups and revisit it should it need more focus.

There was discussion regarding if there was a way to implement involuntary commitment/treatment. Attorney General Matt Denn mentioned Delaware is very interested in this and advising with other states. The issue is finding an actual physical location for treatment

IV. Addiction Action Committee – Next Steps

- Safe Prescribing and Pain Management working groups will be meeting in December 2017
- Next AAC meeting in January 2018 in NCC- date and location TBD
- 5:36pm Motion to formalize Safe Prescribing and Pain Management sub-committees by Matt Denn, Second by David Mangler, no opposed

V. Close Meeting

- 5:52pm – motion to adjourn by Rob Coupe, second by Dr. Michael Dejos, no opposed